requirement of escrow before financial closure. During the interim period, the APTRANSCO would provide a charge on its receivables to the Financial Institutions.

Special powers regarding hydro power projects to U.P.

†3276. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special powers have been granted to U.P. on certain Hydro Power Projects under Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) According to Section 63 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000, the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL), Uttar Pradeesh Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (UPJVNL), and the Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) shall, on and from the appointed day, continue to function in those areas in respect of which they were functioning immediately before that day, subject to the provisions of Section 63 and to such directions as may, from time to time, be issued by the Central Government.

The power corporation shall cease to function on such date as the Central Government may, by order, appoint and upon such dissolution, its assets, rights and liabilities shall be apportioned between the successor States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal in such manner as may be agreed upon between them within one year of the dissolution of the power corporation or if no agreement is reached, in such manner as the Central Government may, by order determine. According to provisions of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000, if the successor States constitute power corporation before such dissolution; the provision may be made by order of the Central Government enabling then new power corporation to take over from the existing power corporation all or any of its undertkings, assets, rights and liabilities in that State.

State of Uttaranchal has already constituted Power Corporation and have held discussion with Uttar Pradesh at different levels for taking over assets and liabilities. As no agreement was reached, State of Uttaranchal has referred the matter to the Central Government.

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